

Dear Members of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee:

I'm opposed to HB 5040. This is an attempt to violate legal gun owners' rights. This bill is just another means by which the state can increase taxation on its citizens. Singling out legal gun owners by imposing this tax is discrimination. CT gun owners already endure some of the toughest regulations in the country, as we must have licenses to even purchase ammunition!

Marksmanship is a skill that needs recurrent and consistent practice and training. This proposal makes practicing less likely and will do nothing to limit a criminal's ability to commit crimes. Criminals are not permit holders and cannot purchase ammunition in retail stores. After being a victim of a crime I decided to become a legal gun owner. It took me nine months to get my pistol permit!

You may not like guns, that is your right. You may not believe in God, that is your choice. But if someone breaks into your home you will do two things: call someone with a gun and pray they get there in time.

I support all legal forms of carry and purchasing affordable ammunition. My right to protect myself should not mean I have to be taxed even more than we already are. I am strongly opposed to H. B. 5040 and I am not alone.

Please do not vote for this bill. If I must defend myself I need to be able to buy affordable ammunition.

Respectfully,

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